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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(August 31, 1948 - September 13, 1948)

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NSC

(See NSC Action No. 100)

TURKISH ARSENAL AID

(See NSC Action No. 101)

NSC 28/1 THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA

(See NSC Action No. 102)

NSC 29 SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS
IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(See NSC Action No. 104)

NSC 27, 27/1 US MILITARY POINT OF VIEW FOR THE EVENTUALITY OF
UN DECISION TO INTRODUCE MILITARY FORCES INTO PALESTINE

(See NSC Action No. 105)

NSC 18 THE ATTITUDE OF THIS GOVERNMENT TOWARD EVENTS IN
YUGOSLAVIA

(See NSC Action No. 106)

UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD

(See NSC Action No. 107)

NSC STATUS OF PROJECTS

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN

The NSC has considered and taken various actions on the Berlin situation over the past several months (see NSC Actions Nos. 109, 92, 84, and 77). It has noted the views of the JCS on U. S. military courses of action with respect to the situation in Berlin (NSC Action No. 87 on NSC 24). This subject is under continuing consideration by the Council.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD COMMUNISM (NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 26, 1948, reference NSC 17/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC approved the Conclusions of NSC 17/1 and directed the Executive Secretary to submit appropriate recommendations. The report of the Executive Secretary, NSC 17/2, was considered by the Council on August 19, when the Council agreed that consideration of subject be referred to SANACC and instructed the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft memorandum covering appropriate terms of reference. Draft directive submitted by memorandum for NSC consideration. Approved by State and NSRB, August 27; by Navy, Sept. 3. Awaiting action by Treasury, Defense, Army, Air, and Justice.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NSC PAPERS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 2, 1948)

Memorandum from Under Secretary of State requesting Council approval of procedure for implementation of NSC papers recommended therein. Amendments submitted by NSRB, August 5; Defense, August 9; Army, August 13; and Air, August 20. Action by Navy deferred. Amendments circulated to Council members by memo of Sept. 1. The Executive Secretary requested designation of an ad hoc committee to meet with him to prepare an agreed procedure for reconsideration by the Council. Representatives named by all members except Air and NSRB.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE
(NSC 30)

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report on the position of the United States with respect to the initiation of atomic warfare in the event of war, including consideration of the time and circumstances of employment, and the type and character of targets against which it would be employed. Draft report prepared by the Staff and concurred in by all Consultants was submitted to Council on Sept. 10. Scheduled as Item 1 on the agenda for the 21st NSC Meeting, Sept. 16.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Feb. 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff Feb. 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

US POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Study of this subject submitted by the Department of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 13, June 2, 1948. On the basis of this study and a report by the Army on "Limited Military Armament for Japan" the Staff prepared a report for consideration by the Council and submitted it to the Consultants, July 23, 1948, stating that recommendations on the subject of reparations would be submitted later. Basic paper concurred in by all Consultants except Army. In addition, Army and NSRB request inclusion of recommendations on reparations. State and Army are now drafting recommendations on reparations for inclusion in the July 23 report.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. Staff revision of August 31 concurred in by all Consultants except State.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

COORDINATION OF INFORMATION MEASURES (NSC 4, NSC 10 Series)

An amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4, in the light of Council action on the NSC 10 Series, is being prepared by the Department of State for consideration by the Staff.

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA (NSC 22)

At its 17th Meeting the NSC referred NSC 22 and the comments of the JCS thereon (NSC 22/1) to the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration in conjunction with the Staff's study of NSC 11, "US Armed Forces at Tsingtao". State Department is drafting a report.

US ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO (NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11. Changes recommended by State, Army and Navy were considered by the Staff and a split report returned to the Consultants on July 6. The Consultants recommendation that final action be deferred until approximately August 15, 1948 was approved by the Council at its 15th Meeting, July 15. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council directed the Staff to consider this subject in conjunction with its study of NSC 22, "Possible Courses of Action for the US With Respect to the Critical Situation in China".

IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd.)

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS
REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION
(NSC 20)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council agreed that the Department of State would prepare a report on the risks and objectives for Council consideration. On the basis of the completed report, the NSC directed the Staff to recommend specific measures to achieve the national security objectives. Two draft studies, NSC 20/1 and NSC 20/2, submitted by the Department of State and a draft of ORE 60-48 submitted by CIA, are serving as the working basis for a draft report on risks and objectives, which is now in preparation by the Staff.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

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THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA
(NSC Action No. 102, Ref. NSC 28/1)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare for Council consideration specific recommendations as the basis for negotiation of matters with respect to Greenland and Spitzbergen. Implementation of a portion of NSC 28/1 (par. 12-b) deferred pending Council action on the above requested report. Awaiting report from the Secretary of the Air Force.

TURKISH AIR POSITION
(NSC Action No. 105)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare a report for Council consideration on the Turkish position with reference to U. S. security interests in the Middle East and to the Greek and Turkish Aid Programs. Awaiting report from the Secretary of the Air Force.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Mar. 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff Dec. 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued Feb. 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7 and the NSC 20 Series.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On Dec. 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued Mar. 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on Jan. 15, 1948. Jan. 20 the Department of State was requested to prepare a study for NSC consideration. A study on short-term assistance to China was submitted by the Department of State and a report drafted by the Staff on March 8. It was amended by the Consultants and the revision submitted to the NSC as NSC 6 on March 26. At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC agreed no action on this report was necessary since it had been overtaken by events. The Department of State is continuing preparation of a report on the overall position with respect to China as originally requested. Further action deferred pending receipt of this report from State.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US MILITARY POWER IN GREECE (NSC 5/4)

To be reviewed not later than Nov. 1, 1948.

DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA
(NSC 19/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed this problem but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations by the Department of State referred to in this report.

SANACC 398/4
(NSC 26)

At its 19th Meeting, September 2, 1948, the Council deferred action on NSC 26, but instructed the Department of State to continue further planning with U.S. industrial representatives in this country.

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